(c) There are 43 works of construction of Road Over Bridges/ Road Under Bridges sanctioned on cost sharing basis in the State of Karnatkaka. These are at various stages of planning and execution. There are 61 numbers of level crossings with more than one lac Train Vehicle Units (a unit obtained by multiplying the number of trains to the number of road vehicles passing over the level crossing within 24 hours) which are not yet sponsored by State Government for construction of Road Over/Under Bridges.

Regarding manning of unmanned level crossings, information is maintained Railway-wise not State-wise. However, certain unmanned level crossing have been identified for manning-based on the volume and nature of traffic and the visibility conditions on Southern Railway, South Central Railway and South Western Railway which cover Karnataka State. The work on these is at various stages of execution.

Replacement of level crossing in U.P.

1448. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of level crossings in Uttar Pradesh as on 31st March, 2003 which qualify for replacement with road over bridge/road under bridge on 50 percent cost sharing basis with the State Government/concerned local bodies;

(b) whether any specific level crossings for replacement have been identified; if so, the locations thereof;

(c) whether any plan for the purpose has been drawn for the next three years; and

(d) if so, the details of funds required to be made available by the State Government/concerned local bodies over the said period, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) 180.

(b) No, Sir. Level crossings having traffic density of more than one lakh TVUs (TVU - A unit obtained by multiplying the number of trains with the number of road vehicles passing over the level crossing in 24 hours) proposal for which is sponsored by State Govt. duly agreeing to bear their share of cost and fulfilling certain other preliminary pre-requisites are considered for replacement by ROB/RUB on cost sharing basis.

(c) No Sir. This is a regular and on going exercise.

(d) Does not arise.

Cyber cafe at railway stations

†1449. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a cyber express (Cafe) has been established recently at New Delhi Railway Station;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to establish such cafe at other Railway Stations in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rail Tel Corporation of India Limited (RailTel), a Public Sector undertaking of the Ministry of Railways, has set-up an Internet Cafe on platform No. 12 at New Delhi Railway Station on trial basis. The Internet Cafe is equipped with 12 LCD-based computer terminals, two IP phones and a video conferencing set up on ISDN lines. Cafe is fully airconditioned and provides for Internet browsing, e-mail, Video conferencing, International Subscriber Dialing (ISD) services through Internet Protocol (IP), and photocopying & printing facilities.

(c) and (d) Based on the experience gained from the Internet Cafe already provided at New Delhi Railway Station, further action to extend the facility at other stations would be taken in the matter.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.